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Madam President,

North Macedonia recognizes the commitment of Singapore for continuous advancement of human rights. We welcome the recent legal reforms for enhancing protection of women against domestic and sexual violence.

Furthermore, we commend the Government for undertaking significant measures to put human rights in the centre of the COVID-19 response, in particular efforts for protecting vulnerable groups and migrant workers.

We recommend to Singapore:

1. То strengthen the normative framework for protection of victims of human trafficking, including women and children.

2. To undertake further reforms towards abolishing the death penalty.

We wish Singapore a successful UPR cycle.

I thank you.